IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication controller for controlling communication between an apparatus and a network, comprising:

an obtaining ~~means~~ unit adapted for obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

a language determining ~~means~~ unit adapted for determining a language ~~for creating~~ to be used in a message to be sent, from among a plurality of languages;

a message creating ~~means~~ unit adapted for creating a message to be sent, based on the information obtained by said obtaining ~~means in a~~ unit, in the language determined by said language determining ~~means~~ unit; and

~~notifying means for delivering~~ a sending unit adapted for sending the message created by said message creating ~~means~~ unit onto the network.

2. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ unit determines ~~a~~ the language based on location information obtained from ~~said device~~ the apparatus indicating a location.

3. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 2, wherein ~~said~~ the location information indicates a location where the apparatus is used, or to which the apparatus is shipped, or where the apparatus is manufactured, or where the apparatus is sold.

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4. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on language information that indicates a language to be used for ~~the~~ <u>a</u> panel display on the apparatus.

5. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on information ~~obtained from the apparatus indicating a destination to which the apparatus is shipped~~ <u>indicating a language specified for each destination to which the message is to be sent</u>.

6. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on information indicating a product name of the apparatus.

7. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on location information set in a job to be processed by the apparatus indicating a location.

8. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on a character code type for owner information that indicates an owner of a job to be processed by the apparatus.

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9. (Currently Amended) A communication controller for controlling communication between an apparatus and a network, comprising:

an obtaining ~~means~~ unit adapted for obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

a message creating ~~means~~ unit adapted for creating a message to be sent, based on the information obtained by said obtaining ~~means in a language~~ unit, in one of a plurality of languages specified for each destination to which the message is to be sent; and

~~notifying means for delivering~~ a sending unit adapted for sending the message created by said message creating ~~means~~ unit onto the network.

10. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 9, further comprising:

a setting ~~means~~ unit adapted for setting a combination of a destination to which a message is to be sent and a language to be used in the message; and

a storing ~~means~~ unit adapted for storing information indicating ~~a~~ the combination of a destination and a language ~~being~~ set by said setting unit.

11. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 9, further comprising:

a data sending ~~means~~ unit adapted for sending to an external apparatus data describing a setting screen view for specifying a combination of a destination to which the message is to be sent and a language to be used in the message, wherein settings for a destination and a language are made at said setting screen view displayed on the external apparatus.

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12. (Currently Amended) A communication controller for controlling communication between an apparatus and a network, comprising:

an obtaining ~~means~~ unit adapted for obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

a message creating ~~means~~ unit adapted for creating a message to be sent, based on the information obtained by said obtaining ~~means in a language~~ unit, in one of a plurality of languages specified for each content type of the message; and

~~notifying means for delivering~~ a sending unit adapted for sending the message created by said message creating ~~means~~ unit on the network.

13. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 12, further comprising:

a setting ~~means~~ unit adapted for setting a combination of a ~~message~~ content type of a message to be sent and a language to be used in the message; and

a storing ~~means~~ unit adapted for storing information indicating ~~a~~ the combination of a ~~destination~~ content type and a language ~~being~~ set by said setting unit.

14. (currently amendment) The communication controller according to claim 12, further comprising:

a data sending ~~means~~ unit adapted for sending to an external apparatus data describing a setting screen view for specifying a combination of a ~~message~~ content type of a message to be sent and a language to be used in the message, wherein settings for a ~~destination~~ content type and a language are made at said setting screen view displayed on the external apparatus.

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15. (currently amendment) The communication controller according to claim 12, wherein message contents of the message include those indicating a job termination, an error occurrence, and a need for consumable item replacement or replenishing.

16. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, further comprising:

a controlling means unit adapted for determining the state of the apparatus based on information indicating the state of the apparatus and for controlling a message delivery by said notifying means sending by said sending unit in accordance with the result of the determination.

17. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said message creating means unit determines the a state of the apparatus based on information indicating a state of the apparatus and creates a contents of the message content in accordance with the result of the determination.

18. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, further comprising:

a controlling means unit adapted for determining the a state of the apparatus based on information indicating a state of the apparatus and for controlling [[a]] the message delivery by said notifying means sent by said sending unit in accordance with set values indicating conditions for delivering sending a message and the result of the determination.

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19. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said message creating ~~means~~ unit determines ~~the~~ a state of the apparatus based on information indicating a state of the apparatus and creates ~~a~~ contents of the message ~~content~~ in accordance with set values indicating conditions for ~~delivering~~ sending a message and the result of the determination.

20. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said message creating ~~means~~ unit inserts ~~into a message~~ a sentence prepared in advance ~~a~~ into the message based on the information obtained by said obtaining ~~means~~ unit.

21. (Currently Amended) The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein ~~it consists of~~ said controller is a network board to be mounted on the apparatus.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

~~obtaining means for obtaining information concerning said apparatus;~~

a language determining ~~means~~ unit adapted for determining a language for ~~creating~~ to be used in a message to be sent, from among a plurality of languages;

a message creating ~~means~~ unit adapted for creating a message to be sent, based on ~~the~~ information ~~obtained by said obtaining means in a~~ concerning said apparatus, the message being created in the language determined by said language determining ~~means~~ unit; and

~~notifying means for delivering~~ a sending unit adapted for sending the message created by said message creating ~~means~~ unit.

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23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on location information stored in said apparatus indicating a location.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> location information indicates a location where said apparatus is used, or to which said apparatus is shipped, or where said apparatus is manufactured, or where said apparatus is sold.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on language information that indicates a language to be used for the panel display on said apparatus.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on information ~~stored in said apparatus indicating a destination to which said apparatus is shipped~~ <u>indicating a language specified for each destination to which the message is to be sent</u>.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on information indicating a product name of the apparatus.

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28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on location information set in a job to be processed by said apparatus indicating a location.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining ~~means~~ <u>unit</u> determines ~~a~~ <u>the</u> language based on a character code type for owner information that indicates an owner of a job to be processed by said apparatus.

30. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

~~obtaining means for obtaining information concerning said apparatus;~~

~~a~~ message creating ~~means~~ <u>unit adapted</u> for creating a message <u>to be sent,</u> based on ~~the~~ information ~~obtained by said obtaining means in a language~~ <u>concerning said apparatus, the message being created in one of a plurality of languages</u> specified for each destination to which the message is to be sent; and

~~notifying means for delivering~~ a <u>sending unit adapted for sending the</u> message created by said message creating ~~means~~ <u>unit</u>.

31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 30, <u>further</u> comprising:

~~a~~ setting ~~means~~ <u>unit adapted</u> for setting a combination of a destination <u>to which a message is to be sent</u> and a language <u>to be used in the message</u>; and

~~a~~ storing ~~means~~ <u>unit adapted</u> for storing information indicating ~~a~~ the combination of a destination and a language ~~being~~ set <u>by said setting unit</u>.

32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 30, _further_ comprising:

a data sending ~~means~~ unit adapted for sending to an external apparatus data describing a setting screen view for specifying a combination of a destination to which a message is to be sent and a language to be used in the message, wherein settings for a destination and a language are made at said setting screen view displayed on the external apparatus.

33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

~~obtaining means for obtaining information concerning said apparatus;~~

a message creating ~~means~~ unit adapted for creating a message to be sent, based on ~~the~~ information ~~obtained by said obtaining means in a language~~ concerning said apparatus, the message being created in one of a plurality of languages specified for each content type of the message; and

~~notifying means for delivering~~ a sending unit adapted for sending the message created by said message creating ~~means~~ unit.

34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 33, _further_ comprising:

a setting ~~means~~ unit adapted for setting a combination of a ~~message~~ content type of a message to be sent and a language to be used in the message; and

a storing ~~means~~ unit adapted for storing information indicating ~~a~~ the combination of a ~~destination~~ content type and a language ~~being~~ set by said setting unit.

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35. (Currently Amendment) The apparatus according to claim 33, further comprising:

a data sending means unit adapted for sending to an external apparatus data describing a setting screen view for specifying a combination of a message content type of a message to be sent and a language to be used in the message, wherein settings for a destination content type and a language are made at said setting screen view displayed on the external apparatus.

36. (currently amendment) The apparatus according to claim 33, wherein message contents of the message include those indicating a job termination, an error occurrence, and a need for consumable item replacement or replenishing.

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising:

a controlling means unit adapted for determining the state of said apparatus based on information indicating a state of said apparatus and for controlling a message delivery by said notifying means sending by said sending unit in accordance with the result of the determination.

38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said message creating means unit determines the state of said apparatus based on information indicating a state of said apparatus and creates a contents of the message content in accordance with the result of the determination.

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39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising:

a controlling ~~means~~ unit adapted for determining the state of said apparatus based on information indicating a state of said apparatus and for controlling a message ~~delivery by said notifying means~~ sending by said sending unit in accordance with set values indicating conditions for ~~delivering~~ sending a message and the result of the determination.

40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said message creating ~~means~~ unit determines the state of said apparatus based on information indicating a state of said apparatus and creates ~~a~~ contents of the message ~~content~~ in accordance with set values indicating conditions for ~~delivering~~ sending a message and the result of the determination.

41. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said message creating ~~means~~ unit inserts ~~into a message~~ a sentence prepared in advance ~~a~~ into the message based on ~~the~~ information ~~obtained by said obtaining means~~ concerning said apparatus.

42. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein ~~it consists of~~ said apparatus is a printer, a copying machine or a FAX machine.

43. (Currently Amended) A notification method for ~~delivering~~ sending information indicating a state of an apparatus, comprising:

~~an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;~~

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a language determining step of determining a language ~~for creating~~ to be

used in a message to be sent, from among a plurality of languages;

a message creating step of creating a message to be sent, based on ~~the~~

~~information obtained by said obtaining step~~ a state of the apparatus, in [[a]] the language

determined by said language determining step; and

a ~~notifying~~ sending step of ~~delivering a~~ sending the message created by said

message creating step.

44. (Currently Amended) A notification method for ~~delivering~~ sending

information indicating a state of an apparatus, comprising:

~~an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;~~

a message creating step of creating a message to be sent, based on ~~the~~

~~information obtained by said obtaining step in a language~~ a state of the apparatus, the

message being created in one of a plurality of languages specified for each destination to

which the message is to be sent; and

a ~~notifying~~ sending step of ~~delivering a~~ sending the message created by said

message creating step.

45. (Currently Amended) A notification method for ~~delivering~~ sending

information indicating a state of an apparatus, comprising:

~~an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;~~

a message creating step of creating a message to be sent, based on ~~the~~

~~information obtained by said obtaining step in a language~~ a state of the apparatus, the

message being created in one of a plurality of languages specified for each content type of

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the message; and

a notifying sending step of delivering a sending the message created by said message creating step.

46. (Currently Amended) A computer readable program stored on a computer readable medium, the program for delivering information indicating a state of an apparatus, wherein it causes a computer to execute comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

a language determining step of determining a language for creating to be used in a message to be sent, from among a plurality of languages;

a message creating step of creating a message to be sent based on the information obtained by said obtaining step a state of the apparatus, in [[a]] the language determined by said language determining step; and

a notifying sending step of delivering a sending the message created by said message creating step.

47. (Currently Amended) A computer readable program stored on a computer readable medium, the program for delivering information indicating a state of an apparatus, wherein it causes a computer to execute comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

a message creating step of creating a message to be sent based on the information obtained by said obtaining step in a language a state of the apparatus, in one of a plurality of languages specified for each destination to which the message is to be sent; and

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a ~~notifying~~ <u>sending</u> step of ~~delivering a~~ <u>sending the</u> message created by said message creating step.

48. (Currently Amended) A <u>computer readable</u> program <u>stored on a computer readable medium, the program</u> for delivering information indicating a state of an apparatus, ~~wherein it causes a computer to execute~~ <u>comprising</u>:

~~an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;~~

a message creating step of creating a message <u>to be sent,</u> based on the ~~information obtained by said obtaining step in a language~~ <u>a state of the apparatus, the message being created in one of a plurality of languages</u> specified for each content type of the message; and

a ~~notifying~~ <u>sending</u> step of ~~delivering a~~ <u>sending the</u> message created by said message creating step.

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